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SUBJECT : EGYPTIAN REACTION TO LEBANON FIGHTING REMAINS
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1. AS REFLECTED IN CAIRO PAPERS APRIL 4, GOE POLICY
TOWARD LEBANON FIGHTING APPEARS TO BE ONE OF DEEPENING
INVOLVEMENT TO STOP ESCALATION OF ISSUE THROUGH INSTRU-
MENTALITY OF ARAB LEAGUE AND DIRECT INTERCESSION BY SADAT,
AND MAINTENANCE OF POSITION OF NEUTRALITY BETWEEN GOL AND
FEDAYEEN.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT SADAT MADE " URGENT" TELEPHONE CALLS
TO FRANGIEH AND SYRIAN PRIMIN AYYUBI (IN ABSENCE OF AL- ASAD)
IN LATE EVENING MAY 3 TO EXPRESS GOE CONCERN AT DETERIOR-
ATING SITUATION IN LEBANON, AND NOTES THAT EGYPTIAN FONMIN
ZAYYAT MET WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR SABRA MAY 3, " TO
INFORM HIM THAT EGYPT WAS PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING IT
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COULD, AND PLACED ITSELF AT THE DISPOSAL OF BOTH SIDES." SEPARATELY, PRESS ADDS THAT FATAH COMMAND MEMBER KHALID AL- HASSAN MET WITH HAFEZ ISMAIL, HASSAN SABRI AL- KHOLI AND ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN RIAD; AL- HASSAN IS DUE TO MEET SADAT TODAY, MAY 4. RIAD REPORTEDLY WILL DEPART FOR BEIRUT TODAY TO CONSULT WITH FRANGIEH AND ARAFAT, AND PRESS NOTES THAT PLO COMMAND HAS REQUESTED EMERGENCY MEETING OF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SID ASSISTANCE SHOULD CLEARLY IDENTIFY INTENDED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF FOOD, NAMELY, DESIGNATION OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL MEET SHIPMENTS, ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE, SUPERVISE OVERALL DISTRIBUTION AND FOLLOW-UP ON REPORTING. DISTRIBUTION PLAN SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ESTIMATE AMOUNTS OF GRAIN PLANNED TO BE SHIPPED EACH AWRAJA (DISTRICT), ESTIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE FED IN EACH AWRAJA, CRITERION FOR SELECTION OF MOST NEEDY RECIPIENTS, AND DESIGNATIONS OF AWRAJA OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION AND REPORTING.

4. SINCE PORT CLEARING CHARGES, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE COSTS WILL BE SIGNIFICANT (WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY US\$250,000) USAID SUGGESTS THOROUGH REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES AND IDENTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE IEG BUDGETARY RESOURCES. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WFP FUNDS BE ALLOCATED FOR THESE EXPENDITURES.

5. PER IEG QUARANTINE REGULATIONS, NEED FOR FUMIGATION GRAIN UPON ARRIVAL PORT IS PROBABLE. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL FIRST SHIPMENT, ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN WFP/ ROME, WFP/ ADDIS AND IEG REGARDING METHODS OF HANDLING AND TO COVER WFP PAYMENT OF FUMIGATION COSTS.

6. ASSUMING IEG DEMONSTRATES CAPABILITY ADMINISTER AND UTILIZE FIRST 10,000 METRIC TONS, AND SUBJECT SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT IN EARLY FALL OF CROP OUTLOOK FOR DECEMBER- JANUARY HARVEST, WE CONCUR CONSIDERATION ADDITIONAL 10,000 MT FOR LATER SHIPMENT. REQUEST ADVICE CURRENT ATTITUDE THIS REQUIREMENT.
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